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1. SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR AND ECONOMIC OFFICER CALLED ON NATIONAL BANK DIRECTOR, ANTONIO ANDRE, ON JUNE 23 TO DISCUSS THE HAITIAN POSTAL DEBT ISSUE. ANDRE PRESENTED A CLAIM BY THE HAITIAN POSTAL SERVICE FOR \$333,884.45, COSTS INCURRED DELIVERING U.S. MAIL IN HAITI, AND PROPOSED AN AGREEMENT TO LIQUIDATE THE BALANCE OF THE DEBT WITH A \$100,000.00 PAYMENT AND 96 EQUAL MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS. THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT IT BE AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR THE LIQUIDATION OF THE DEBT AS PROPOSED BY ANDRE. END SUMMARY.

2. NATIONAL BANK DIRECTOR, ANTONIO ANDRE, ON JUNE 23 PRESENTED THE AMBASSADOR WITH THE DETAILS OF THE HAITIAN POSTAL SERVICE CLAIM FOR COSTS INCURRED DELIVERING U.S. MAIL IN HAITI. THE HAITIAN CLAIM AMOUNTS TO \$333,884.45 AND COVERS THE PERIOD TO MARCH 31, 1977. COPIES OF THE CLAIM ARE BEING FORWARDED BY POUCH TO ARA/CAR AND EB/TD.

3. THE USPS STATEMENT OF JANUARY 14, 1977 SHOWS A
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BALANCE OF \$698,776.00 OWED BY THE HAITIAN POSTAL SERVICE. SUBTRACTING THE HAITIAN CLAIM OF \$333,884.45 LEAVES A NET BALANCE OF \$364,891.55. ANDRE PROPOSES THAT AN AGREEMENT BE SIGNED ALONG THE LINES OF THE POSTAL DEBT AGREEMENT OF NOVEMBER 30, 1970. HE WOULD PAY THE USPS \$100,000.00 IMMEDIATELY UPON SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT AND LIQUIDATE THE BALANCE WITH 96 EQUAL

MONTHLY PAYMENTS.

4. ANDRE TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE REGRETS THE DELAY SETTLING THE DEBT BUT THE HAITIAN POST OFFICE IS VERY DISORGANIZED AND IT TOOK A MAJOR EFFORT FOR THE POST OFFICE TO ASSEMBLE THE INFORMATION NEEDED TO PREPARE THE HAITIAN CLAIM, TO SET UP A RATIONAL PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE POST OFFICE'S MANY DEBTS, AND TO DEVISE A NEW SCHEME WHICH OFFERS SOME HOPE OF KEEPING POST OFFICE ACCOUNTS ON A CURRENT BASIS. IN ADDITION, THE GOH HAS AN AGREEMENT WITH PANAM TO PAY, AND IS PAYING, \$4,000.00 PER MONTH TO LIQUIDATE HAITIAN POSTAL SERVICE DEBTS TO PANAM. ANDRE IS CONCERNED, AND WE SHARE HIS CONCERN, THAT THE USPS CLAIMS MIGHT DUPLICATE THE PANAM CLAIM AND RESULT IN A DOUBLE PAYMENT BY THE GOH. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE USPS CLARIFICATION OF THE POSSIBLE DUPLICATION OF U.S. CLAIMS.

5. THE EMBASSY REQUESTS AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT TO SETTLE THE HAITIAN POSTAL DEBT AS PROPOSED BY ANDRE, I.E., INITIAL PAYMENT OF \$100,000.00 AND 96 EQUAL MONTHLY PAYMENTS TO LIQUIDATE THE BALANCE. ISHAM

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